THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) A pilot project for implementation of the revised strategy for National TB Control programme is being implemented with World Bank assistance in Vaishali district of Bihar. The Government has also recently negotiated a project for TB Control Programme in India with the World Bank. This project involves extension of implementation of revised strategy for National TB Programme to seven more districts of Bihar, besides providing additional inputs to strengthen the State TB Control unit and the District TB Centre where Short Course Chemotherapy is being implemented, apart from providing drugs & for sputum negative cases in all the districts. The credit agreement with the World Bank for the negotiated project is yet to be signed and only preparatory work for implementation of the project is being undertaken in all the States including Bihar.

New Biosanitiser Bacteria to Purify Waste Water

1135. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in Economic Times of 15.12.96 that a new biosanitiser bacteria has been isolated to purify waste water; and

(b) whether it has been developed to a level of commercial application and any plant has been set up from which actual field data may be available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Different microbial cultures have been isolated at various institutions for the treatment of waste water and some of these cultures are already being used for waste water

Sale of Fake Medicines in the name of Herbal Medicines

1136. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many companies are selling chemical medicine in the name of herbal medicine and devaluing the market of real Ayurvedic treatment;

(b) the steps Government propose to check this trend; and

(c) whether there is any ensuing system to scrutiny a medicine making unit for the quality control of Ayurvedic medicines and for checking fake medicines coming in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The definition of Ayurveda, Siddha or Unani Drug brand a patent and proprietary medicine is given in Section 3(a) and Section 3(h) respectively of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act. The procedure of manufacture for sale and quality control measures of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Drugs have been laid down in the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules. These activities fall within the purview of State Governments.

The Government of India has been requesting State Governments to strictly enforce the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the Rules made thereunder.

Need for Reorientation Course for Doctors

1137. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest inventions and developments taking place in Medical Science;

(b) whether Government feels that our doctors require reorientation course to update their knowledge;

(c) whether Government propose to arrange refresher courses for our Doctors by organising Seminars and inviting experts from advanced